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For: IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFINITIES IN  
HIGH AVAILABILITY CLUSTERS

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Examiner: Jude Jean Gilles

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2008, please reconsider this application in view of the following.